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Water.....	.06	.06	0 inc.
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Incidental.....	.28	.42	14 inc.
Public schools.....	.80	.73	8 inc.
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1902	1903	Inc.
Real.....	\$4,364,300	\$4,382,450
Personal.....	772,800	763,000
Exemptions.....	74,600	68,700
Net valuations.....	5,000,100	5,046,750
	16,350	

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Aside from the exemptions allowed to veterans and firemen there is real property to the amount of \$558,500 exempt from taxation and is divided as follows: Public schools, \$112,150; other school property, \$23,350; public property, \$154,425; churches and charitable institutions, \$257,575; cemeteries, \$11,000. Last year the property exempt from taxation was valued at \$493,750, showing an increase this year in that class of property of \$61,750, or about four times the amount of increase shown in taxable property.

The returns made to the County Board by the Glen Ridge Borough Assessor were as follows: Real, \$1,685,000; personal, \$230,500; exemptions, \$23,500; net valuations, \$1,892,000. The borough has property exempt from taxation amounting to \$210,000 divided as follows: School, \$93,000; public property, \$22,000; churches, \$92,000; cemeteries, \$8,000.

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Union Services at Westminster.

The Rev. George A. Pauli will conduct the services both morning and evening. The choir will sing at the morning service Gounod's "Sanctus" (with tenor solo) from the "Messe Solennelle," and "I will extol Thee, O Lord," soprano solo, from Sir Michael Costa's Oratorio "Eli." In the evening at 7:45 there will be a service of praise with an appropriate address by the pastor. The choir selections are all from the compositions of Harry Rowe Shelley: Prelude, Festival Service; Anthem, "There is a land of pure delight;" Alto solo, "He that sat upon the Throne," (from Inheritance Divine); Anthem, "For thee, O dear, dear country;" Bass solo, "I Jesus have sent mine angel," (from Inheritance Divine); Offertory Organ solo, Spring Song; Anthem, "For all the saints;" Tenor solo, "Abide with me;" Postlude, Festival service.

End of a Lark.

Henry Bradley of Dodd street, East Orange, was awakened about half past 3 o'clock Monday morning by the noise made by a party of young men who were quarreling out in the street. He got up and looked out of the window and saw a two-seated carriage stopped in front of his house. Three young men in the roadway were engaged in a heated argument, while a fourth one was in the carriage apparently dead to the world. When Mr. Bradley requested the men who were making the noise to "cut it out" they instantly disappeared, but the man in the carriage slept on. Mr. Bradley went out to the vehicle and found that the man was the driver of the rig and was in a drunken stupor. A policeman was summoned to get in the carriage and drove to an East Orange livery stable, where the rig belonged.

Two Women Missing.

Mrs. Minnie Debaun, aged thirty-one years, and Mrs. Cecilia Adams, aged twenty years, have been reported to the police department as missing. Mrs. Debaun is the wife of William Debaun, a carpenter residing in Walnut street, and Mrs. Adams is her cousin. The former is the mother of four children and the latter of two children. The women, it is said, left their homes Monday to go to Newark and have not been heard of since.

Violated Game Laws.

James F. Riley, seventeen years old of Silver Lake, who was arrested over a week ago for alleged violation of the game laws, failed to pay the fine of \$20 imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Jacob G. Post, and he will be committed to jail for fourteen days. Riley is a nephew of George Riley, one of the game wardens of Newark.

The young man caught a black bass in Oak's Pond, which, it was testified, was under the required length, and failed to throw the fish back.

Runaway Boys.

Edward Porowski, aged 15 years, Thomas Slavin, aged 15, and Thomas Gaffney, aged 14, three Staten Island boys, were found about half-past three o'clock Friday morning by Officers Durning and Maxwell loitering about the freight cars on the Glenwood avenue siding, and taken to the police station and kept there until their parents were heard from. The boys had run away from home.

Lively Contest Promised.

There is likely to be a lively fight in the First Ward of East Orange for the Republican nomination for member of the Town Council. It has been announced that Joseph Greer was slated for the nomination, and that Hamilton Vanderhoof, the present incumbent, would retire from official life at the expiration of his term. It appears that Mr. Vanderhoof has no intention of voluntary retirement, and he desires and expects a renomination in the fall.

Fell on a Knitting-Needle.

John, the two-year-old child of William Stewart of 975 Bloomfield avenue, Glen Ridge, was painfully injured Monday at his parents' home. The little one was playing about the bedroom, when he stumbled and fell, running a knitting-needle into his face just over the right eye. Dr. Martin J. Synott of Montclair was called and had the boy removed to the Mountainside Hospital, where the injury was attended to, after which he was taken home.

Hospital Subscribers.

Subscribers to the Mountainside Hospital in July were as follows: Miss E. Ailing, Mrs. M. Ailing, Dr. Charles H. Bailey, Mrs. Charles H. Bailey, Heckel Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lee Stout, Mrs. Wright C. Stout, Dr. William H. White, Mrs. William H. White.

Homeward Bound.

Bernard Levy, who has been two years in California, is on his way back here by the old style overland method of crossing the continent. Mr. Levy is one of a party who have undertaken to drive from California to New York.

BASE-BALL.

Watseessing Defeated the Clark O. N. T. Team in a Close and Exciting Game Saturday—A Ten Inning Game in Branch Brook Park—Millburn Team will Play This Afternoon on the Arlington Avenue Grounds.

Sheppell, the young pitcher for the O. N. T. Club of Newark, kept the roosters for the Watseessing Club in a state of great anxiety for a long time in the game on the Arlington Avenue grounds Saturday afternoon, and it was not until the sixth inning, when a long safe hit by Hambacher brought in three runs, that the Watseessing crowd began to entertain hopes of victory, and as Connors, Bradley and Ferguson crossed the home plate in rapid succession the roosters let themselves loose, and there was great excitement for a time.

The O. N. T. batted Durning freely, making six safe hits in the first two innings and also scored six runs. The Watseessing scored one run in the first inning, and did not score again until the sixth inning, when by a succession of safe hits they tied the score. The Newark team again took a lead of four runs in the seventh, and the Watseessing again batted heavily in the eighth inning and scored five more runs.

The Newark players disputed a decision of Umpire Hayhurst in the eighth inning, and Pitcher Sheppell for a time refused to go on with the game, but the manager of the club ordered his players to go on with the game in justice to the people present.

Bradley, the new player on the Watseessing team, proved a valuable acquisition Saturday and did well at the bat and in the field. The score was as follows:

	R. H. P. O. A. E.
Ferguson, a.	